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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 10X), New York Central Lines, LLC –
Abandonment Exemption – in Worcester County, MA**

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Fitchburg and the City of Leominster (“Cities”) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 4.2 miles of railroad between milepost QBU-0.0 and milepost QBU-4.2 from Fitchburg to Leominster, in Worcester County, MA, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on January 14, 2007.

CSX Transportation, Inc., on its own behalf and as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC (“CSXT”) has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Cities, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Cities. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to July 13, 2007 to negotiate trail use with the Cities. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to September 11, 2007.

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the enclosed self-addressed and stamped letter.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Armbrust', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record